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Senior student stabbed Monday

By Whitney Harris
Editor in Chief



Brown

Senior Cledell Brown was rushed to the Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston by medical helicopter Monday after being stabbed outside the William "Billy" J. Nicks Building following a men's basketball game, the university's public relations office said.

During a brawl outside of the building, Brown suffered stab wounds in his arm, chest and shoulder, a close friend reported.

Sheleah Hughes, director of public relations, said Tuesday that Brown was in stable condition.

According to witnesses, Brown was involved in a fist-fight earlier that Monday.

"There's too much behind the story to tell," said a close friend of the victim.

Hughes said that a first-year student confirmed his involvement in the incident Tuesday.

Lieutenant David Webb of the Department of Public Safety said, "Someone is in custody and facts are still coming in."

Hughes said, "As a university, our primary responsibility concerns the safety and well being of our students. We will continue to monitor the health of the hospitalized student."

PVAMU introduces ambassadors Student leaders are first of their kind



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

Happy to be first: The new Prairie View ambassadors pose together in the Memorial Student Center.

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

Seeking new student leaders and additional assistance, the Office of Special Programs and Cultural Series has recently created a new student organization called Prairie View Ambassadors.

Program Coordinator II Isis McCraw said, "A PV Ambassador is an upper classman who has certain qualities and characteristics that will help enhance our program. They are students who have good attitudes, look very approachable, and dress appropriately. If someone were to peek inside of a classroom setting, they would likely be the students who sit in the front row."

A small group consisting of only 20 students, the PV Ambassadors are a special group of students selected by McCraw, who are first educated on the history and knowledge of the university, and assist with the preparation of special events and the hospitable treatment of special guests.

Qualifications to be a PV Ambassador include a minimum of 30 credit hours and a minimum grade point average of 3.0. These students' tasks include planning and working "behind the scenes" in special events that are held campus-wide.

According to McCraw, "I want them to know that things don't just happen, you don't just show up at a program and the speaker is there. There's a planning process behind everything, and I want them to be involved with getting things together."

Occasionally, these students also attend special sessions called retreats.

During these retreats, the students are allowed the time to be educated on new things at the university and reflect on some of the events that they've assisted in putting together.

During their first retreat of the school year, the students had the opportunity to have a roundtable discussion with Mayor Frank Jackson about the history of the university.

Jackson shared his infinite knowledge about the history of Prairie View with the PV Ambassadors during this session.

Jackson said, "When I first arrived at Prairie View, I wanted to be an engineer, but at the time, I was totally unaware of what an engineer was. Prairie View changed that, and ultimately changed my life. I just wanted to pass the knowledge on what I've gained down to this generation of students."

Frazier, Black, Spears given key to city SWAC celebration continues into new year



All photos by Ronald Smith, The Panther

Recognizing success: Offensive Player of the Year, quarterback K.J. Black, Coach of the Year Henry Frazier III and Defensive Player of the Year Quinton Spears hold their keys to the city given by Mayor Frank Jackson.

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

In celebration of the school's first football championship since 1964, the student body, band, cheerleaders, and administrators gathered to recognize Coach Henry Frazier

and red-shirt our younger guys, so that they can have time to focus on school and develop their talent. We make sure our guys are prepared before we start counting on them."

After winning the SWAC Championship it seems as if the Prairie View A&M University football program is no longer the laughing stock of collegiate athletics. Limiting opponents' third down conversion to only 40 percent, the team's defense, led by Spears played a significant role in this year's success.

Assistant Linebacker's Coach John Pearce said, "Our defensive line, and secondary were very experienced this year. However, aside from senior Renoldo Revuelta, our line backing core had limited experience. We have to improve on our line backing core, and our defense as a whole, so that we can compete for another championship next season."

Athletic Director Fred Washington said, "In terms of recruitment, you can't buy the publicity we're getting right now. With us being featured in a variety of major publications and in Washington D.C. is huge. As a result, when aspiring collegiate athletes look for a place to play, it's not hard to sell the program to them, because our hard work is doing it for us."

During Frazier's first three years at Prairie View he and his staff managed to maintain an 11-21 record, and it seemed as if the program was headed in a new direction. After the team's 7-3 record in 2007, Frazier had delivered the first winning season at PVAMU since 1988. Now, after leading the Panthers to a championship season, Frazier finds himself on a pedestal among other college coaches, receiving honorary Coach of the Year Awards from Pigskins Club of Washington D.C., SWAC, College Sporting News, American Football Coaches Association (Region III), Boxtorow.com/BASN, the ESPN HBCU Notebook and the Black College Sports Page.

Frazier said, "The biggest part of our program is consistency. My coaching staff and I have been together for five years now, and we're able to consistently bring new talent in

ceiving core added, "Being on a championship team means a lot, because we all now have championship attitudes that will carry over into the off-season."

Redshirt junior and defensive end Quinton Spears was also honored at the 2009 SWAC Championship receiving the Defensive Player of the Year.

Aside from being awarded the championship trophy, the entire football team received keys to the city of Prairie View from Mayor Frank Jackson. President George C. Wright was also on hand to celebrate the end of the 45-year football championship drought.

Wright explained, "Athletics are a window into the university. For many prospective students, watching us on television or reading about us in a news article plays a significant role in their decision to attend the university. Upon arrival, they are exposed to the many outstanding academic programs that we have to offer, but sports often serve as the door to the university. Our recent achievements on the football field will add to that success."

Frazier, who is 25-5 in the past three seasons as head coach, inherited the program in 2004. At the time, Frazier was entering what many considered the "graveyard of college football coaches," seeing how the school had a combined record of 9-55 since 1998, after first experiencing seven straight winless seasons from 1991-1997, a streak which has yet to be surpassed by any other program in the NCAA.

Only the Gold: The PV football team received this trophy after winning.



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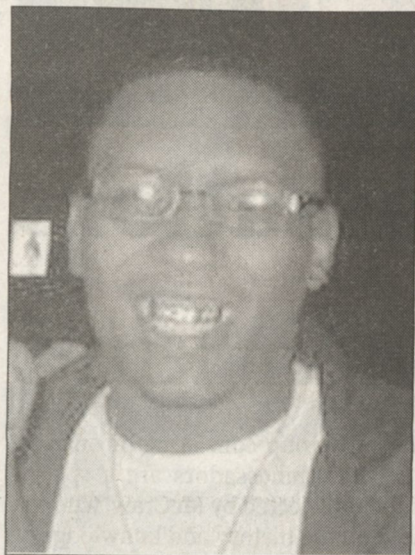
III and the 2009 SWAC Champions Prairie View A&M University football team for their achievements.

The event first began with a parade, in which the band, cheerleaders, and football team marched and rode down L.W. Minor Street to the Blackshear Stadium, where they were awaited by faithful members of the Panther nation. Upon arrival to the stadium, the players and coaches were individually introduced, including junior quarterback K.J. Black, who received 2009 SWAC Offensive Player of the Year. Black, who gained his starting position midway through the season, also managed to lead the NCAA's FCS division in passing efficiency.

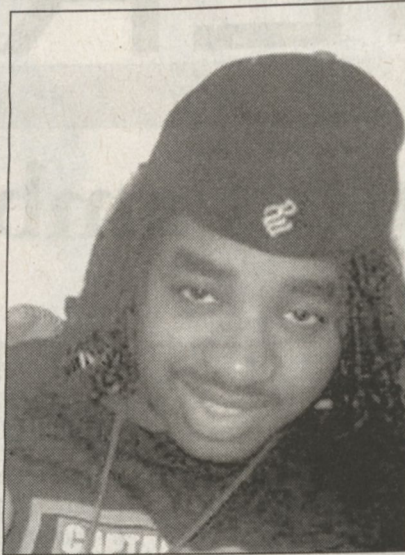
"It's an honor to win SWAC Offensive Player of the Year, but I didn't do it alone," said Black. "I feel that without my teammates, none of these achievements would've been possible." Agreeing with Black, redshirt freshman Spencer Nelson, a member of Black's re-

PVAMU grieves loss of two students

Burnell and Denton lost during holiday break



Burnell



Denton

Courtesy of
The Office of Public Relations

PVAMU has lost two more students, Freshman business management major George Denton, Jr. died Saturday, Jan. 9, and 21-year-old architecture major David Allen Webster Burnell died early Sunday, Jan. 16, from injuries related to a one car accident in Killeen, Texas.

A native of New Orleans, students and University staff who knew him report that Denton was a spirited student who exhibited school pride and commitment to his studies.

"The entire PVAMU family is saddened to hear the news of

such an untimely death. We extend our condolences to his family and friends during their time of bereavement," said Prairie View A&M President George C. Wright.

Burnell's wake was held on Friday, Jan. 22 from 7 to 8 p.m. at St. James United Methodist Church in Waco. His funeral service was held Saturday, Jan. 23 at 3 p.m. at the Christian House of Prayer in Copperas Cove, Texas.

"We are saddened by the loss of David Burnell," said Prairie View A&M President George C. Wright. "We mourn the passing of this young man, and on behalf of the University community, we extend our heartfelt sympathies to his family and friends."

PV DPS Blotter

Prairie View A&M University
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SAFETY
Police Blotter

Information obtained
in this report has been
reported to dispatch
and officers responded
to these calls.

Week of Sunday, Jan.
17, 2010 to Saturday,
Jan. 24, 2010

Sunday, Jan. 17

☐ No calls reported on
this date.

Monday, Jan. 18

☐ No calls reported on
this date.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

☐ 6:21 p.m., Officer responded to a medical call located at University College Building 47, Room 121. Student Transported to North Cypress Hospital by ambulance.

☐ 11:42 p.m., Officer responded to University Village Apartments Phase II Apartment #1934 on possible drug possession. One student arrested on narcotics charge.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

☐ 12:25 a.m., Officer responded to a medical call at University Village Phase I Apartment #536. Victim left scene. Returned to service. No medical attention.

Thursday, Jan. 21

☐ 3:35 p.m., Officer responded to a phone call activated from an elevator in Hobart Taylor. No one at elevator. Returned to service.

☐ 7:33 p.m., Officers responded to power outage at Phase III apartments.

Friday, Jan. 22

☐ 6:00 p.m., Officer assisted motorist at FM1098 loop @ L. W. Minor St.

Saturday, Jan. 23

☐ 3:48 p.m., Officer was dispatched to University Village Phase II Clubhouse in reference to a burglary/vehicle. Report taken.

By Trinieece Larks
Panther Contributor

Following the inception of Prairie View A&M University's first recycling program, the University's Student Government Association (SGA) plans to extend the environmentally friendly initiative to the College of Nursing School located in Houston.

"The College of Nursing was always looking for ways to participate not only in this program, but do their part as an entity," said SGA President Robert Powell. "The support and effort from the student body and administration has facilitated us to increase our tonnage which has ultimately boosted the number of recycling bins placed on the main campus."

The extension of "Go Green" will kick off in a few weeks. The "Go Green" project, is subsequently the same structure as is on the main campus.

The Abitibowater Company will continue to be the University's main recycling supplier and about eight of the new totters will be placed in generalized locations around the downtown Houston campus.

The "Go Green" program has not only raised awareness to students and faculty, but also helps continue to beautify the ecosystem by recycling paper, cardboard and books.

Eventually, Powell wants to expand the "Go Green" program and have recycling bins for glass, batteries and cans, but you have to

find companies that will come out to Prairie View.

With minimal resources available in the city of Prairie View to help the program grow, even more students, faculty and staff can always do their part in ensuring the longevity of the "Go Green" project within their everyday lifestyles.

Powell said, "It's the little things that you can do to help that the students really don't realize they are doing already."

To find out more about the "Go Green" initiative or to become involved please visit the Student Affairs and Institutional Relations page on the PVAMU Web site, click on the Service Learning tab and register.

Powell urges all students to participate in the program.

College of nursing joins "Go Green" program

Students look back on Dr. King's legacy

By Ebony Sowells
Panther Intern

In commemoration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., students gathered in the student lounge to attend a seminar Jan. 20.

The seminar consisted of a viewing of the satirical cartoon titled "The Boondocks," in which King was never assassinated, but still living today.

The audience and panel, then, discussed questions and commented on the events since his demise, to the current nature and behavior of those who are greatly affected by the actions of King.

One of the panelists, criminal justice major Latoya Smith, stated, "As a younger generation we are reaping the benefits of Martin Luther King's labor and it is very important for us to make his significance known to others because

if it were not for him we would not have the quality of life that we have now."

On the panel were: Cicil Dorsett from Information Technology; Jawana Green from the Office of Student Conduct; Frederick Roberts from Career Services; and students Aida Fall, Bobby Smith, and Latoya Wolfe.

Students were given the opportunity to share their personal experiences as well as methods of ensuring that they are holding to the standards assigned to the African American race, especially by the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"As African-Americans we tend to get far and forget the people who helped us in the past. The only way we can make out to the future is if we remember the past," said Bobby Smith, senior agriculture economics major.

The organizer of this event,

Ms. Isis McCraw from the Office of Special Programs, stated, "It's a small token of appreciation that we can give to remember the great accomplishments and commemorate this special day."

The lounge was almost at its maximum capacity with those dedicated to upholding their assignment.

"The program was very inspirational and educational and I learned a lot. I think they should do more things on campus," said Britany Johnson, a senior social work major.

Johnson, along with many attendees, claimed to have personal desire for programs such as this one in which they were able to unite peacefully, just as King adamantly suggested.

Smith said, "It's great to have a chance to reflect on MLK's life to understand our history."

Webb recites "I Have a Dream" speech

By Whitney Harris
Editor in Chief

In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Office of Stu-

dent Affairs hosted "I Have a Dream Speech...Revisited" for Prairie View A&M University and elementary school students in the community on Jan. 22 in the All Faiths Chapel.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

David Webb, Lieutenant of Operations for the Department of Public Safety and award winner speaker, recited King's famous speech for the crowd in an effort to motivate listeners to be positive and use their gifts.

"It's the greatest speech ever written in my opinion," said Webb. "He was a folk hero of mine at a young age; King inspires me."

Webb said that he dedicates time to practice King's speech annually so that he can continue to reenact it for others. Webb said that it's always a joy for any audience but especially for elementary school students.

"It's really a passion of mine. They look at him as someone who was so long ago and I try to bring him right back. I try to make you believe you were there," Webb said.

Graduate student Harris D. Brown served as master of ceremonies and felt the program was extremely beneficial to his peers.

"It's important to get a recall of our past history so people can get a feel of Dr. Martin Luther King's speech and the civil rights movement," Brown said.

Did you Know?

1. Every ton of recycled paper saves almost 400 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space and 17 trees.

2. If you recycle soda cans, the energy used and air population created is 95 percent less than if the cans were produced from raw material.

3. Production of recycled paper uses only half the water and three-fourths of the energy than new paper.

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Sport	League	Registration	Deadline	Begins	Facilities
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5 on 5 Basketball	League	1/25/2010	2/8/2010	2/16/2010	Leroy Moore Gym
3 Point Shootout	Single Elimination	2/15/2010	2/22/2010	TBA	Leroy Moore Gym
Slam Dunk Contest	Single Elimination	2/15/2010	2/22/2010	TBA	Leroy Moore Gym
NBA 2k9	Single Elimination	2/5/2010	2/16/2010	2/17/2010	Memorial Student Center
B-Ball All-Star Game	Single Elimination	n/a	n/a	TBA	Texas Southern University
Indoor Soccer	Single Elimination	2/22/2010	3/13/2010	3/23/2010	Leroy Moore Gym
Greek Triad	Group Play	TBA	TBA	TBA	Billy Nicks Complex
Table Tennis	See Tourney Rules	3/29/2010	4/9/2010	4/12/2010	Leroy Moore Gym
Softball	League	3/29/2010	4/12/2010	4/13/2010	Billy Nicks Complex
Home Run Derby	Single Elimination	3/29/2010	4/12/2010	TBA	Billy Nicks Complex

Legend

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Academic Calendar Events



- 1/28
General Student Assembly
William "Billy" J. Nicks, Sr.
Athletic Complex
- 2/03
Census Date (12th Class Day)
Last Day to Withdraw from
Course(s) without academic
record
- 2/04
Withdrawal from Course(s) with
academic record (W) begins
- 2/15
20th Class Day
- 3/11 - 3/13
Mid-Semester Examination
Period
- 3/15 - 3/21
Spring Break
- 3/22
Instruction Resumes
- 3/26
Graduation Application Deadline
for SUMMER 2010 AND FALL
2010
- 3/31
Founders Day/Honors
Convocation
- 4/2
Good Friday/Easter
(Student Holiday)

Advice for Productive Students

WHAT EMPLOYERS LOOK FOR IN AN INTERVIEW

Two basic things that will ensure every interview is a successful interview:

Remember that always that it is the company that invited you to the interview; it is they who initiated the event. You would not be there if they were not already inclined to like you. Compose yourself accordingly; try to see yourself as a welcome, first-time guest.

While the ultimate purpose of an interview is to get an offer for the position, the more immediate objective is for the company to get to know you better, and for you to get to know it better. Everything you do with regard to an interview should have this as the dual objective. Achieve this, and you will have had a successful interview. The basis of the interview is two parties seeking a mutual solution to each other's needs. Never forget this.

Generally, the interviewer is interested in determining the following things:

1. The reason for your interest in the job.
2. Your qualifications.
3. A feeling for your personality - particularly how you act and think in everyday situations.

Key points:

RESEARCH THE ORGANIZATION/WEBSITE: Find out as much as you can about the company (products, services, clients, company growth, prospects of growth in the future). This kind of preparation will help you answer some specific questions and may suggest some questions you would like to ask. It also shows your interest in the company and this will influence the employer's interest in you. Being able to converse intelligently about the company will create a very favorable impression.

PREPARE: Make a list of your strengths and weaknesses, your skills and talents, your ambitions, your experiences, and your values. It is important to have a

clear idea of who you are, what you want, and where you are going. You need to have confidence in yourself (but NEVER be over confident). Frequently, employers will ask one of the following open-ended questions: "Tell me about yourself?" "Why should we hire you?" or "What can you do for us?" Be prepared.

BE ON TIME. Fifteen minutes early is a good rule. This will allow you to present yourself to the receptionist in a relaxed and composed manner.

ALWAYS BRING A RESUME, but do not offer it unless asked. (The company should already have a copy of your resume). Do not provide anything that you need back.

APPEARANCE: Present yourself professionally and conservatively. Remember, the company is interested in finding someone who is comfortable with their culture, not someone who is interested in making a fashion statement. Avoid the use of cologne/perfume as it will not help and may hurt. Your appearance is an expression of your inner state of mind. Being poorly dressed shows lack of good taste and an apathetic attitude.

In other words, "dress for success." You get only one chance to make a first impression. Interviewers will size you up within 30 seconds of laying their eyes on you. The first impression is a lasting one.

GREETING: Be pleasant and engaging. Maintain a lot of energy, enthusiasm, and excitement. Good eye contact, a strong handshake, and a confident smile will get everything off to a good start. Remember, the interviewer is looking for someone to hire; they like your resume or you wouldn't be there. Greet the interviewer(s) by their last name(s) in a friendly, but in a businesslike manner. Don't use the interviewer's first name unless specifically asked to do so.

COMPOSURE: Remain

standing until you are offered a seat. Once seated, sit erectly; do not slouch. Place your arms and hands on the armrests of the chair. Be certain that your body language is natural and complementary to the discussion.

Leaning back could give the impression of a lax attitude. A defensive person will be closed off (i.e. folded arms across the chest). Maintain eye contact throughout the interview. It is natural to be nervous in anticipation of an interview. Remember though, it is a meeting of those with a mutual interest. Interviewers are sometimes stern without intending to be. You are there at their invitation.

NOTES: Bring a pen and paper, but avoid taking notes during your interview. Immediately following the interview, jot down key points that you want to remember.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Indicate the impact you have had while working for your current and previous employer(s). This would include any major accomplishments and organizational changes that you have created/implemented. This is a good time to share ideas about what you can do for the interviewer's company. Have a plan before the interview.

PROBLEM SOLVING AND THINKING SKILLS: Demonstrate that you have the ability to solve job-related problems and that you anticipate what needs to be done. (Elaborate).

LEADERSHIP: Let the interviewer know that you have the ability to persuade and motivate others. Team leadership is a component of both management and personality. Share management ability and style, and organizational skills.

YOUR QUESTIONS: Be prepared to ask several questions at the end of the interview, but avoid questions about compensation or benefits. If asked about your current salary, advise what it is, but indicate

that you don't want to comment on salary expectations until you know more about the opportunity and the company. Just like you wouldn't offer a price for a car without knowing all about the options that are included on it, you wouldn't want to commit too early on your "price." You might say: "Compensation is extremely important to me, and I will consider your best offer, but frankly what is most important at this point is what I can offer your company and what the future will hold for both of us in a long-term relationship."

INTEREST: If, at the conclusion of the interview, you are still interested in the position, be certain that the interviewer knows this. Indicate that you want to pursue the opportunity and ask what the next step will be.

STAY POSITIVE: Even if, during the interview, your instincts tell you that the position isn't right for you, keep that to yourself for now. Once home, you may change your mind. If, after thinking about it further, you still feel the position is not a good fit for you, make sure you take yourself out of consideration professionally. If appropriate, let the company know that you would like to keep the door open for future opportunities.

REFERENCES: Have available a list of references that you can present if requested. This list should include names and phone numbers of former supervisors at previous companies who are able and willing to discuss in detail your work performance, usually for positions held in the last five years. Be sure that you have checked your references thoroughly so that you can be assured that they will provide positive feedback to the inquirer.

(from <http://www.jdgsearch.com/resourcestips.shtml>)

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Professional development is a must



By: Aaron Jacobs
Business Manager

After having the privilege of speaking to Professional Development Coordinator and Assistant Professor Lawrence McNeil, the needs of students were brought to mind. Many students have the capability of being not only successful students but also capable professionals who can lead in their respective industries after beginning employment. The points which they need to reinforce and develop in themselves are few, but, mastery of these areas will lead to present and future success.

Students need to develop two things main things: Academic & Professional skills.

- Academically students need
- Good public speaking skills
- Confidence in yourself
- Organizational skills

Having a high GPA is a sign of confidence. Students who do well in their classes have a confidence in their actions that students who do not do as well don't seem to have in many cases. There are many "hidden gems" in classes but they

shouldn't be scared to show their intelligence to teachers and their fellow students. College is the perfect place to develop a fearlessness which will carry on towards future success.

Also students need to develop organizational skills. Use the technology available to you like a smart phone to multi task and keep up with emails and meetings. These skills will serve you well in your professional career.

Professionally students need to focus on:

- being in internships
- networking
- professional dressing
- personal finance
- having a good credit score
- personal branding

Professionally business students as well as any student planning on having a professional career after graduating, needs the aforementioned skills. Credit scores can not only make owning possessions hard, but a bad credit score can even affect employment opportunities. The corporate ladder is a steep climb but not to the prepared.

A few business organiza-

tions on campus include:

- Toastmasters
- AMA
- SIFE
- NABA
- AITP

These organizations on campus can help students put their knowledge from the classroom into projects and events outside the classroom. While only a few are listed students can find an organization which can teach them the skills that they need and desire to have in the future. There really is no excuse for students to complain when there are many available resources. It is up to us a productive students to join these organizations and make ourselves better.

Professional Development 101: As a professional school, the College of Business organizes and supports a host of programs and opportunities for student professional development. Guest lecture events such as the Executive in Residence Program and the Dean's Lecture Series as well as the College of Business Career Fair provide students with a chance to meet with business executives and leaders to learn more about their fields of interest.

Top 10 tips for getting into graduate school

1. Go to graduate school for your reasons - not for other people's. Graduate study represents an enormous investment of time and money.

2. Be realistic about the benefits of graduate study. Don't fall into thinking that a graduate degree is a magic bullet that will guarantee you career advancement or personal fulfillment. Some fields require an advanced degree for advancement; some don't.

3. Research your program options carefully. There's a bewildering array of degrees and programs available in many fields. Make sure you understand the difference between one program and another.

4. Think about taking graduate level classes on a non-degree basis. Many colleges and universities allow people to take a limited number of courses without having to apply for or enroll in a degree program. Doing so can give you an idea of what to expect from graduate study.

5. Take the time to prepare for the Graduate Record Examination. There are many good test preparation books available. Use them! A good GRE score alone won't get you into grad school, but it will bolster any application. Besides, if you're required to submit test scores, you may as well make sure you submit good ones.

6. Work out the story of your life - and how you will tell it to the admissions committee. You're not going to graduate school just by chance. Something led you to this decision - life experience, intellectual curiosity, career ambitions. Your story makes you unique. It differentiates you from the pool of other applicants the admissions committee considers.

7. Learn more about the school you want to get into. Find out what is going on at your chosen school. Has a faculty member

recently won an award, or has a research project made the news? That is the kind of information that you can use to help explain why you think this school or program is the right one for you (and why you are the right student for it).

8. Get an early start on your personal statement. Your personal statement may be the most important part of your application. It tells the admissions committee who you are, and why they should want you at their school. Don't leave it until the last minute - you'll want time to review and revise. Don't follow a canned outline, or ask someone else to write your statement for you. Admissions committees can spot generic and ghostwritten material a mile off, and they don't like it.

9. Work on getting your letters of reference. This can be one of the more intimidating aspects of graduate school admissions, especially for applicants who have been out of college for a while. Think about what kind of information will help your application - would it help to have some assurance that you're intellectually capable of graduate level study, or that you can handle a heavy workload? Who can provide a credible letter that provides that information? Don't be overly shy about asking people to write letters for you.

10. Relax! Once you have your application and supporting materials submitted (and know they've been received), there's nothing more you can do. Take a break from your labors. With attention to the above tips - and some luck - you should soon be in the position of having to choose among acceptances. (go to <http://www.graduateschooladmission.com/top10.php> for more information)

Contributed by Graduate School Admissions

LET'S THINK POSITIVELY



What's more important to you? A new cell phone or a warm bed at night?

I think we, as students, are being a lot more passive than

we should be about the Haiti disaster that is happening around us. We're adults, guys. We should want to help in any way we can.

I realize that we may not all have the resources needed to make a significant impact on the country and its people, but I do know that we can at least help out through prayer and positive thinking. Just speaking positively and consciously could make a huge difference.

Sometimes I think we get so caught up in being angry about what we want and may not be able to have that we forget about what is most important.

Imagine losing a family member at a sudden moment or not knowing whether your next meal will ever come. That's not a happy feeling I'm sure and I believe that we need to make ourselves much more aware of the severity of the situation going on right now.

Most of us have friends and loved ones who were affected by hurricane's Katrina, Ike, Rita and Gustav among others. Let us remember what they went through and how much they needed us.

Support these people. Support humanity. Please become much more sensitive to them and their misfortune.

Peers, I just hope that we are able to stop thinking about the simple desires and wants that we have for ourselves, and that we can be a selfless people.

Our university is trying to groom us for success and productivity. Let's do our part with one another and become good people as well.

Once again I am inviting all members of the university and community to please talk to the staff and let us know what you think about the product we are publishing each week for you. We want letters to the editor as well as visits. All are welcome.

Our contact information is panther@pvamu.edu and (936) 261-1353.

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We've got to do better

This school year at Prairie View A&M University started out on a high note.

We've had a great win at the Labor Day Classic over Texas Southern. We had a wonderful time with Dourrough and "Ice Cream Paint Job" at Hump day on the Hill, and followed up with a passionate win over Grambling State University in the Cotton Bowl Classic. SGA also had successful elections and CAB was gearing up for a strong year. It seemed like everything was moving in the right direction.

And then the cracks began to surface.

There were allegations of hazing brought against student groups in the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) and the Council of Student Organizations (CSO). A student athlete was shot at a Homecoming party that got out of hand, leaving the campus wondering if it was an isolated event. And of course, none of us can forget the tragic death of Donnie Wade II.

The undercurrent continued to have rippling effects on our campus with the resignations of the Student Government Association Vice President and Mr. Prairie View A&M University, and other student leaders. Hazing charges were brought against our beloved Marching Storm and the PV family was rocked again as separate accidents claimed the lives of two more students.

Our beloved campus had been shaken to its core.

When I reflect on the past few months, I can't help but wonder what the eight former slaves who attended this institution in 1878 would think now. Would those students be disheartened to see what had become of this former plantation? Would they be devastated to see an institution which had been transformed into one of the most picturesque and prestigious institutions in the world, be marred by such tragic events?

As people are starving in Haiti, some of us are still participat-

ing in food fights in the dining hall. This place of higher learning has been demeaned by young men and women, fighting like common gangbangers and drug use is running rampant.

This type of behavior is totally unacceptable and it must stop now.

Yes, the things I have just laid out may make our situation appear bleak. But I am confident that Panther pride can allow us to rise above any of our shortcomings. Students, some of you bemoan that Prairie View needs to do better. We can only do better when you, students, do better. When you do better at respecting yourself and your fellow students. It is imperative that you understand that you only pass this way but once, and it is our duty to continue to protect these hallowed grounds.

As administrators, we must do a better job of making our students feel more like scholars rather than customers, while improving our customer service skills at the same time.

At Prairie View A&M University, we don't care where you came from. We only care about where you're going. We want you to awaken each day with the knowledge that you are a descendant of a majestic people who created civilizations, conquered adversity, and persevered despite the odds. You must continue to challenge yourself to reach new heights and to attain the seemingly unattainable.

We have been shaken, but not broken. I know some of you are model students, and for that, I give a heartfelt thank you.

For those who try, but fall short, I urge you to try harder. And for those who have lost their way, who have failed to live up to all that being a Panther entails, I challenge you to dig deeper, work harder, and rededicate yourself to the true mission of excellence that is Prairie View A&M University.

Dr. Miron Billingsley

Why do people steal?

Recently I've noticed that people seem to feel that it is OK to steal. Theft has always been among civilization. People who have not see that which someone else has and feel the right to take illegal ownership by dishonorable deeds. I've always believed that whatever I do to other people eventually God would see to it that I would reap what I had sown. Some call it karma; others call it negative energy and so on. But why do college students feel it is OK to steal and cheat in order to get ahead?

Behavior such as this can only lead to a big "F" either in class or in life in the form of a pink slip. Thou shalt not steal says the eighth commandment in God's Ten Commandments. People lost hands and heads back in the day for laying their hands to a marketplace apple or item of clothing. But in the present the art of "sticky fingas" is a skill, which has a simple credo that unless

you get caught it's not stealing.

Theft is popularized in videogames such as "Grand Theft Auto," movies such as "Ocean's Eleven," and the upcoming movie "Takers." People download and burn illegal music and movies online and think nothing of it. I am guilty as well of this. But there has to be more to deter this from taking place.

If someone were to steal a person's wallet, they have no idea how it could harm their victim in the long run. Without money, a person could not be able to travel to help a family member in need, or miss a rent payment, which gets them evicted from their place of residence. What if someone stole from your mother or grandmother? Wouldn't you want to get that person in a dark alley and engage in fisticuffs? So keep those hands covered in superglue in your pockets.

Aaron Jacobs
Business Manager

I Love College
By Robert Jordan III

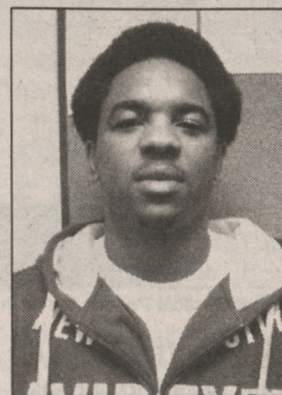
PURPLE & GOLD POLL

What are your thoughts about the stabbing after the men's basketball game Monday? Do you feel the campus is safe?



"It was childish that it had to get to that level. I do feel the campus is safe but it does need more security and protection."

Alana Bryant
Junior
Animal Science



"I feel safe to a certain extent, because regardless of the numerous squad cars and officers patrolling the campus, there are still occupants roaming the campus with weapons."

Pierre Middleton
Freshman
Mass Communications



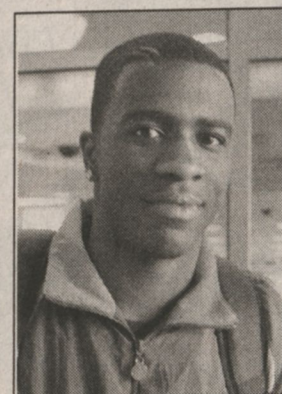
"I feel that the incident that night was very unfortunate and could have been avoided. I still believe 100 percent that this university is safe and the administration and campus police have the best interest for our safety."

Theodora Holloway
Junior
Animal Science



"I feel like it was stupid, everything can be solved in ways other than violence. I feel the campus could be safer, and take more precaution for student safety."

Chelsee Hill
Senior
Psychology



"Sadly, it isn't surprising to hear of the news like that nowadays, we have to do better as people to help improve our environment around here to have a better morale and surrounding as students and people. End the hate"

Freddie Edo
Senior
Psychology

By Perry Osborne-Johnson, The Panther

Trying to pledge?
Why wait?



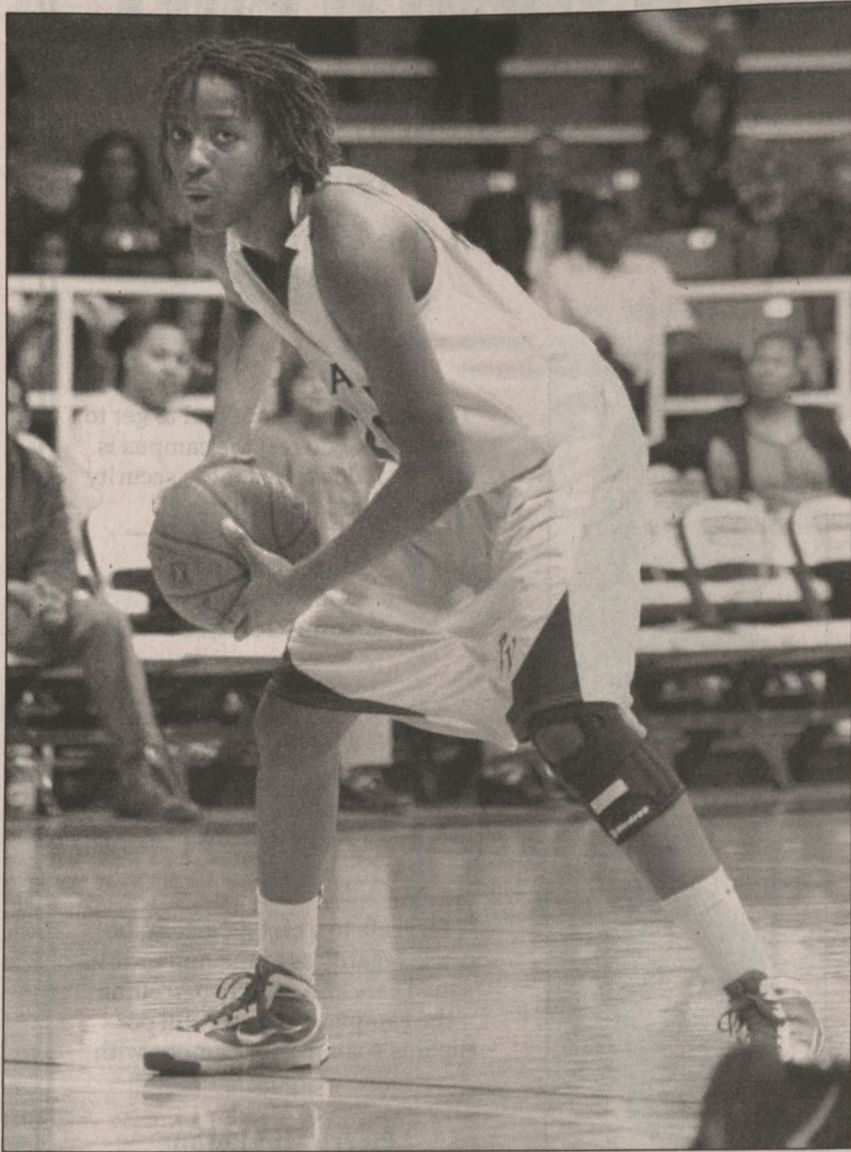
Editor of the Week



Ronald Smith
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Communications

Just too good to be true

Lil' Mike



By Bradford Traywick, The Panther

Just too good: The Prairie View A&M Lady Panthers are on a 23-game Southwestern Athletic Conference winning streak.

By Jeremy O. Malone
Sports Editor

Senior guard Candice Thomas blows the roof off the William "Billy" Nicks Building with an ecstatic behind the back move saving the ball from going out of bounds line and rolling to the rim with a crowd pleasing lay-up.

The Lady Panthers lead by Head Coach Cynthia Cooper-Dyke came into the match-up against Arkansas Pine-Bluff at (8-6, 5-0 SWAC). The Lady Golden Lions were a mediocre (3-13, 2-3 SWAC) lead by senior forward Shavondra Holmes and junior guard Laquisha Slaton who are the keys to their offense with Holmes averaging 13.3 per game and Slaton leading the team in assist. Although Slaton leading the Lady Golden Lions in assist

she wasn't looking to pass the ball Saturday night scoring a game high of 31 points.

At half-time Prairie View A&M was leading Pine Bluff 43-42, with a fast start. At the 15:01 mark the Lady Panthers were up 60-50. The Lady Panthers maintained a 10-point lead for much of the 2nd half, but the Lady Golden Lions would not back down and allow Prairie View to get an unmanageable lead.

When asked about the team's feeling about their performance mid-way through the season Thomas said, "We feel that we are playing Ok. Every team is bringing their best game against us and we realize that we just have to keep playing together and bring the intensity and play hard every game."

The Lady Panthers had

2009-2010 SWAC Standings

TEAM	CONF	OVR
Prairie View A&M	7-0	10-6
Southern University	6-2	12-6
Texas Southern	5-2	8-10
Alabama A&M	4-3	8-8
Alcorn State	4-3	4-12
Alabama State	3-4	6-10
Grambling State	2-5	5-11
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	2-5	3-15
Jackson State	1-5	2-14
Mississippi Valley	1-6	4-14

four different players in double-digits scoring lead by Candice Thomas with 26 and Dominique Smith with 15. The combination of the Lady Panthers' offensive play and pressure defense lead to a 87-80 victory.

Coming off a physical win over APBU the Lady Panthers rolled against Mississippi Valley with a victory of 83-62. Latara Darrett scored a career-high 29 points and grabbed seven rebounds as the Lady Panthers improved to (10-6, 7-0 SWAC), completing the two-game home stand and extending their consecutive conference win streak to 23 games in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. The Mississippi Valley State Devilettes at (4-14, 1-6 SWAC) were no match for the streaking Panthers.

The Lady Panthers started the game fast with a 7-0 run but the Lady Devilettes would not back down. Mississippi Valley State would make it a 10-8 game, and throughout the first half would not let up as they cut a ten point Lady Panther lead down to a six bringing the halftime score to 33-27.

The second half for Prairie View A&M was a different story as the Lady Panthers would put the car in drive, and were up 46-33 at the 16:13 mark. The scoring punch of Darrett, Werema, Dominique Smith and Courtney Larsen was too much for the Devilettes to handle.

The Lady Panthers will head to Alabama for a two-game road trip to take on Alabama A&M on Jan. 30 and Alabama State on Feb. 1.

Bowling team tied for SWAC divisional lead

By Ryan McGinty
Panther Contributor

BATON ROUGE, La. - The Prairie View A&M bowling team closed out its most important event to date on a positive note as they finished the 2010 SWAC West Bowling Round-ups tied for the divisional lead.

Held at Don Carter Lanes in Baton Rouge, La., the Lady Panthers opened the round-up on Friday with easy wins over Mississippi Valley State and Alabama State before battling with two-time defending SWAC Champion Southern University. The Lady Panthers rose to the occasion and defeated Southern on its own turf and followed it up with another win against Jackson State.

After an impressive 4-0 start, the Lady Panthers headed into Friday's finale against Grambling State a heavy favorite as they were undefeated against the Lady Tigers in earlier games this season. However, Prairie View picked the wrong time to bowl its worst game of the season as Grambling State pulled off the upset and denied the Lady Panthers a shot at first place after the first day of action.

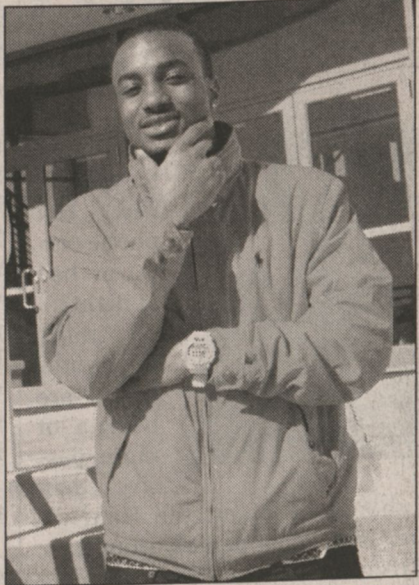
"I think we got complacent before the game started as we've beaten them routinely this year," said head coach Glenn White on Friday. "We weren't focused and left Grambling in the game too long and they got on a roll. We came back in the 10th frame but it was too little too late."

The team responded and finished with a 4-0 mark on Sunday which created a two-way tie atop the SWAC West standings with Southern.

"We had to win if we wanted to reach our goal of finishing at the top this weekend," said White. "I was proud of how my team performed on Sunday as we accomplished our goal due to being tied for first in the SWAC West."

Along with being tied for the SWAC Western Division lead, the Lady Panthers finished the tournament ranked second overall in total pins behind Alabama A&M. Freshman Cynthia Veney led the team with an average of 191.4 and had three big games with scores of 244, 243 and 232. Sophomore Lejewlia Lewis followed with a 178.5 average that included scores of 232 and 217.

The Lady Panthers are in great position to qualify for the SWAC Tournament for only the second time in school history.



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

Little Man, Big Game: Micheal Griffin, sophomore guard from Long Beach, Calif.

By Kevin Hooks
Panther Staff

Is it the explosive first step or the killer crossover that makes defenders look like child's play or is it the graceful and subtle silk like moves that leaves fans asking themselves did you just see that and with his off season improvement in his perimeter game, ungaudable might be an understatement when considering Michael Griffin aka lil Mike.

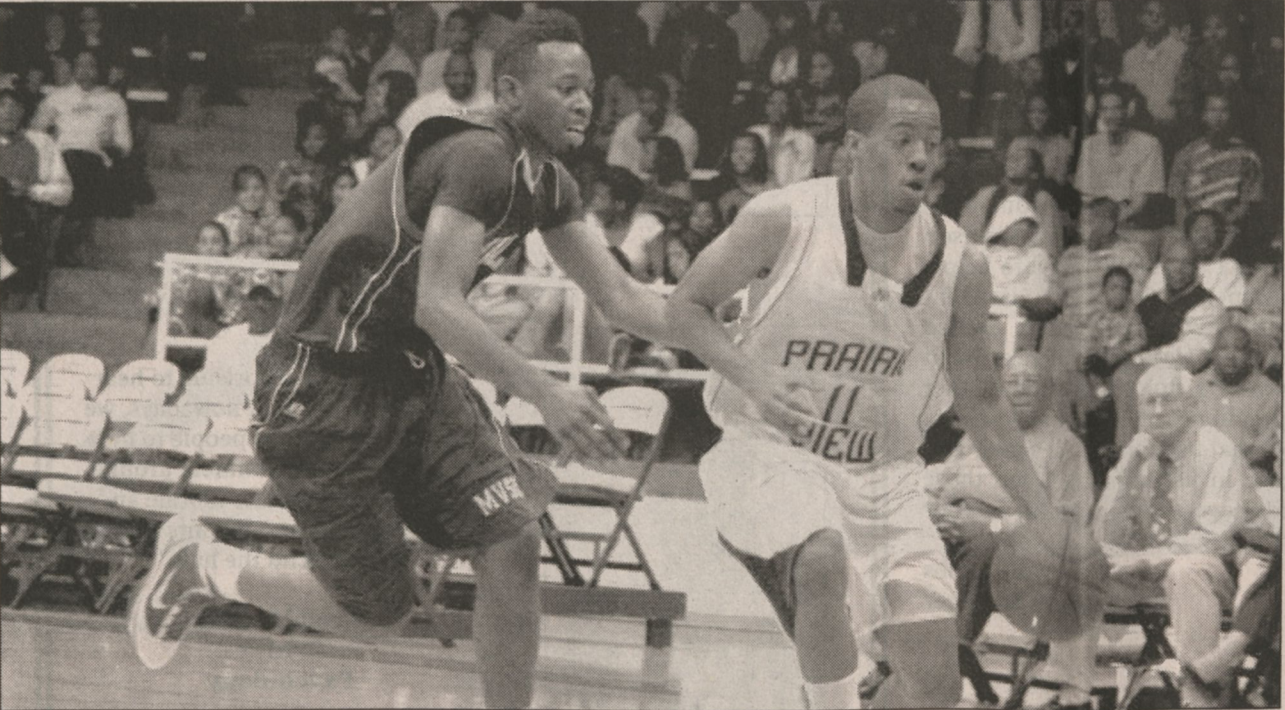
The young guard from long beach California was raised with 3 siblings and his mother and father who had a strong influence in his life, considering himself as a momma's boy, his dad always seen the potential mike possessed at the tender age of two. So when he was able to join a league one year younger than the rest of the boys, age was just number because his skills showed to be far superior to the rest of his older peers. As mike game matured so did his hype. His game started to resemble some of his childhood greats such as magic Johnson who played for the Los Angeles Lakers in the early and late 80's with the flashy and brilliant court vision and the ability to productively get all of his team involved in the game. Although these attributes helped him as a player but mike wasn't content with just passing the ball, he decided to increase his all around game by stepping it up on the defensive end of the court while increasing his natural ability to score the basketball. Mike would go on to win many awards in numerous leagues and become one of the top recruits in the country, leaving out his senior year.

Now attending Prairie View A&M University many things haven't changed with Mike on the court. His game is still getting better and pleasing anyone who attends with outstanding plays. So when Mike steps on the court, lights, cameras, action, because it's show time.

2009-2010 Season Stats

PTS: 10.4
REB: 3.1
AST: 3.8
SPG: 1.8
Birth Place: Long Beach, CA
Height: 5-8
Weight: 150 lbs.
Position: G
Experience: 2 years
Class: Sophomore

Panthers split two at home, overtime win



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

Overtime victory: Senior guard Chris Jones runs the Panther offense from the point guard position.

By Jeremy O. Malone
Sports Editor

The Panthers started the home stand with a disappointing loss Saturday night when they fell to Arkansas-Pine Bluff 62-54.

The Golden Lions were led by Tavaris Washington as he scored 13 points. Washington was 6 of 7 from the field and set the tone early in the game with a dunk to put the Golden Lions (5-12, 5-1) up 2-0 and start a 7-0 run. Prairie View A&M did not score their first field goal until the 14:43 mark in the first half.

The Panthers (9-8, 4-2) would tie the game at 28-28 at the half. With the score 39-36 the Golden Lions would go on a 13-4 run and go ahead 52-40 with 7:41 left to play. The Golden Loins would not let their foot off the gas and their lead was not threatened for the rest of the game. Hugee led the Panthers

with a game-high 20 points and 11 rebounds and Meadows added 11 points and six rebounds.

The Panthers grabbed 37 rebounds including 14 offensive boards, to the Golden Lions' 28 and just four offensive boards. The Panthers downfall was from 3-point range where they only managed to shoot 2 of 13 (15.4 percent).

It took overtime to take down the visiting Delta Devils, but Prairie View and the play of Hugee overcame the comeback by Mississippi Valley State. Hugee scored eight of his game-high 25 points in the overtime session, the Panthers went on to grab the emotional victory 69-63.

The Panthers had a promising start with a 10-3 lead in the first four minutes of the game. Duwan Kornegay had a huge impact from the wing position, Kornegay scored 11 points in the first half alone

bringing a spark to the team and the 4,275 fans watching in the William Nicks Building Monday night.

With everyone contributing guard Griffin came off the bench and seemed to take control of the offense as the Panthers went on a 6-0 run bringing the score to 48-38 at the 8:51 mark.

In the final 2:15 of the game MVSU went on a 8-0 run to tie the game at 57.

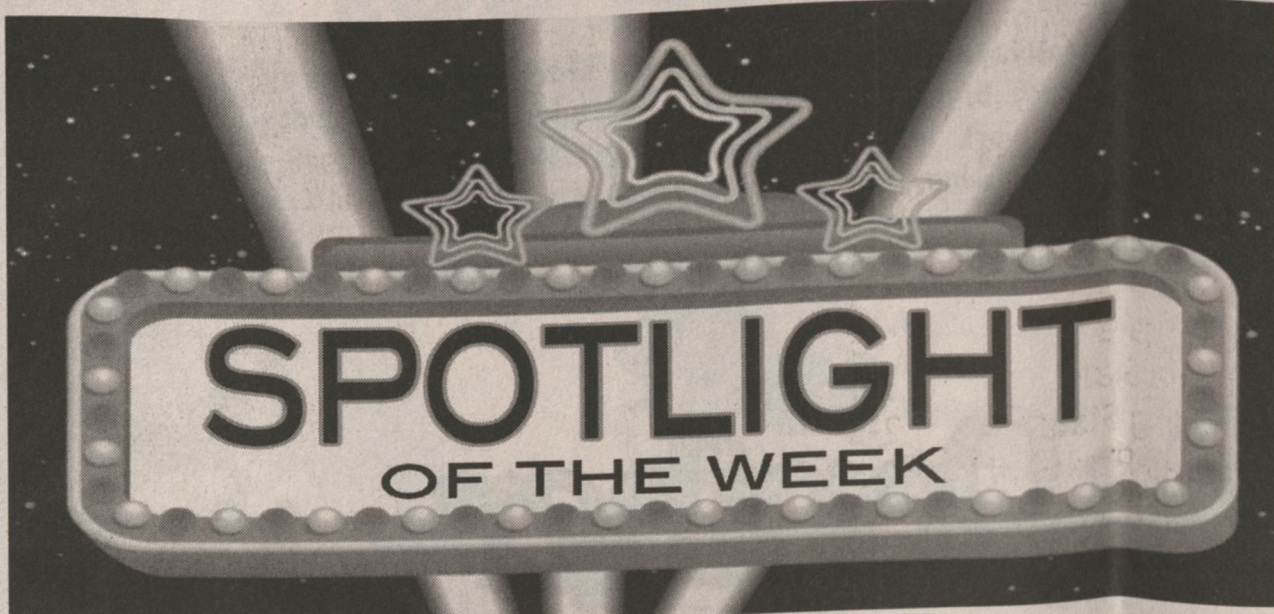
In overtime it was all Prairie View as they knew they wanted to get to the big man, "Hugee." Only up by two with 1:31 remaining the Panthers held off MVSU as they committed consecutive turnovers. Griffin would knock down two clutch free throws in the final 27 seconds to seal the win.

Prairie View will roll into Alabama to face off against Alabama A&M on Jan. 30 and Alabama State on Feb. 1.

2009-10 SWAC Standings NCAA Men's Basketball

TEAM	CONF	GB	OVR
Texas Southern	6-1	-	10-9
Jackson State	5-1	1/2	7-11
Prairie View A&M	5-2	1	10-8
Alabama State	5-2	1	8-10
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	5-2	1	5-13
Alabama A&M	3-4	3	6-9
Mississippi Valley	3-4	3	4-16
Grambling State	2-5	4	4-11
Southern University	1-7	5 1/2	3-17
Alcorn State	0-7	6	0-20

Standings as of Jan. 27, 2010



Highlighting students who excel in their areas of interest



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

By Aurielle Granger
Panther Staff

After Houston native and senior mass communications major Elizabeth Gardner, competed in a pageant with little experience, she managed to blossom as one of Prairie View's most successful pageant girls.

"I started really getting into pageants during my freshman year of college beginning with the Ms. University College pageant," said Gardner.

After much preparation focusing on her talent, wardrobe, looking for the "perfect" opening number outfit, the "cutest" interview suit, and the "most gorgeous" evening gown, Elizabeth's journey is soon to begin. The morning of the pageant is when she reviews current events, her platform, and resume, making sure that all of her facts and details are accurate for the question and answer and interview segments.

Outside of the typical pageant preparations such as beauty and speech, there are other appearances Gardner must make to get in touch with the community like visiting day-care centers, participating in toy drives, and being on one of their country radio stations.

"The main motivation for me to do pageants was the scholarship opportunities that were available. As a dancer, there were not many scholarships available, so I decided to look into pageants, and from there I fell in love with them," said Gardner.

Yes, Gardner may have started this successful pageant path with the University College Pageant, but it also reaches other heights. Miss University College (Q&A winner, and Overall win-

ner), Miss Lady of the Dove (Evening Gown winner, and Q&A winner, Interview winner, and Overall winner), and Miss Prairie View (Q&A winner) were the pageants Gardner competed in here at Prairie View. Outside of Prairie View she competed in the regional level of the Phi Beta Sigma Pageant (Talent winner, Q&A winner, Swimsuit winner, and the International Miss Phi Beta Sigma Pageant (Overall winner). Along with these pageants, she has competed in many preliminaries to the Miss Texas Pageant which include, but are not limited to, Miss Arlington (4th runner up), Miss Southeast Texas (Talent Winner, 3rd runner up) Miss Houston (2nd runner up), and Miss East Texas (Talent winner, and Overall winner.)

When asked what her favorite thing about the pageants was Gardner said, "I really enjoy the talent portion of pageants, mainly because that usually stays the same. No one can tell you if your talent is right or wrong, because it is YOUR talent. It also gives me the opportunity to set myself apart from the rest of the contestants."

Now that Gardner is Miss East Texas, her biggest accomplishment thus far, she will have a short break to prepare for the Miss Texas Pageant that will be taking place this summer and compete to fulfill one of her most recent dreams. "If you look at the ratio of African-American women in the Miss Texas Pageant, you will see that the numbers are very slim. For example, out of about 20 girls, I am the only African-American Miss contestant," said Gardner.

Gardner also tried out for the television series "So You Think You Can Dance" and made it to the Las Vegas round. She said, "I found that the audition process for this show was a lot like what I go through for pageants. You have to be likeable, and also go through an interview process. It's all about the overall package, like with pageants."

New Year, Fresh Start

How to stay on the right track

By Shayna Walker
LH/AE Editor

Welcome back students! It's a new day, new year, and most importantly a new semester. You all are off to a fresh start and it is important to stay on the right path. No matter what your current state is, it is never too late to begin again. Sometimes we tend to exhaust ourselves with meaningless situations and slowly slide aside the driving force, education, which bought you here in the first place. Here are some things that might help you in completing the ultimate task.

Stay organized. This goes beyond investing in a planner. If you organize your lives by cleaning your rooms, cars, backpacks, and everything you use daily that may easily be cluttered, it will promote living a stress free life. Yet actually having a planner is primarily associated with staying organized.

Eliminate anything not beneficial to your success. Time and time again we consistently make time for trivial events in a oppose to our giving 100 percent to our future. If you sat down and made a list of things that consume your life, and note that it does not contribute toward you reaching your goal, then eliminate it from your life.

Be positive. The energy you give off is what you will get in return. Your energy can determine what kind of day you are going to have. If you wake up in the morning in a bad mood and continue your day with

the same pessimistic attitude, everything you come in touch with will more than likely not go in your favor. The best thing to do when you are feeling down on your luck and the glass seems half empty instead of half full, just play your favorite song, watch the shift in your energy flow, and control your way of thinking to maintain optimism.

Control your thoughts. Your thought process ultimately determines where you are in life. If you constantly think about partying, nine times out of ten it would not be hard to find you on a Wednesday night at Knights of Columbus. So stay focused, ambitious, and keep your eyes on the prize.



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

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Dear Dr. Panther,

I'm so glad it is now the beginning of a new semester, I finally feel like I have a fresh start. I made a promise to myself that this year will be much different than last year. My biggest downfall was my addiction to procrastination. I admit to being the lazy one when it comes to school and work in general, but I didn't know how to get out of this habit of mine. Last semester I woke up at 2 p.m. daily knowing that I had a 12:30 p.m. class. Then I got kicked out of a campus organization for rushing a flyer at the last minute, and instead of it saying 'we can't wait for your arrival' I put 'we can't wait for your arousal'. Help me kill my procrastination before it kills me!

Sincerely,
- Last-Minute Man

Dear Last-Minute Man,

Well sir, procrastination does kill and you were definitely a victim. Luckily, as you already stated, it's a new semester and a fresh year! The only way to change your habits is to change your mentality. Focus on finishing things as soon as possible, because the sooner you finish doing things you have to do, the more you can do things you want to do. Remember that! Also, please pay attention to any other flyers you do from here on, because I was really looking forward to being aroused at that event...AND WASN'T!

Respectfully,
Dr. Panther

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ROBERT'S REVIEWS



★★★★★

"Avatar" is simply sensational entertainment and also a technical breakthrough. It has a flat-out go-green and anti-war message. It's almost predestined to launch a cult. It contains such visual detailing that it could be compared to viewing "Star Wars" in '77.

I saw the movie over the winter break in a regular theater and loved it, but I was later told that the IMAX version was ten times better (as if seeing Zoe Saldana on a fifty foot screen wasn't amazing already)! The story line was borderline good because

it started slow and quite confusing but picked up toward the middle. What I noticed most about the film was how they took time to pay attention to detailing graphics throughout the movie. There's so many new machines, animals, and objects that the human eye has never seen in a movie nor in real life. So the film really takes you on a visual ride to a fantasy world.

Overall, the movie is amazing. I will definitely be heading to see it again in IMAX.

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By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

In collaboration with Rock Nation Inc., La Familia Entertainment and 5 Star Protainment hosted "J. Cole Live in Houston," a concert in which Jay Z's first signed artist to his newly found label performed along with other up-and-coming artists throughout the area on Jan. 23 at Warehouse Live in Houston, Texas.

With a variety of opening acts performing prior to J. Cole's appearance, the audience was allowed the opportunity to be exposed to many different artists who were attempting to expand their fan bases with their exciting performances. Beginning the event's list of talent, were local hip-hop artists Absolute, a duo consisting of Mike B. and former Prairie View A&M student Papa G. representing south-west Houston who performed two of their newest singles, "Trunk Food,"

featuring Young Felz of southwest Houston, and "Drop it Down low." After a series of other artists like Propane, C-stone, Eskabel, and Drastik displayed their talent, sophomore Kirk Randle aka Kirko Bangz representing East Houston, took the stage to perform "What's Your Name," and "H-Town Presidents."

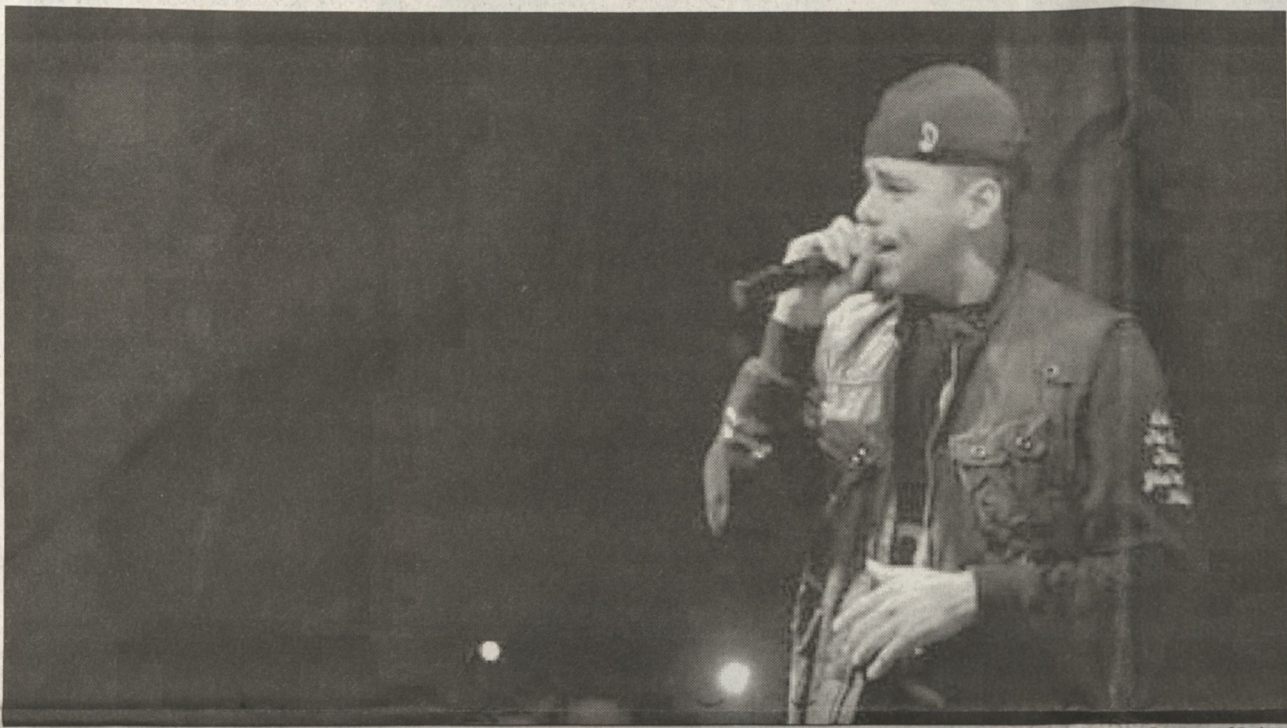
Kirko said, "I'm just doing music, which is something I love. I hope to contribute to the underground music movement that is taking place at my school right now, just to prove the statement 'Prairie View produces proud and productive people', to be true."

In addition to Kirko Bangz's performance, the audience also got a chance to see artist Le\$, who also represents the east side of Houston, perform his newest single "Something Like a Pimp," from his mixtape "Settle for Le\$: The Fixtape." As the crowd fur-

ther anticipated J. Cole's appearance, they were entertained with a performance by the "Nice Guys," of Houston, Texas who performed several singles from their mixtape titled "The Green Room."

Then finally, after a series of talented opening acts, the artist from New York City by way of Fayetteville, NC made his way onto the stage to begin his electric performance. Performing "Dollar and a Dream," "Take What's Mine," and "Last Call for Alcohol," J. Cole certainly began his performance in an intriguing and expected fashion. He also performed his smash single for the ladies titled, "Lose Your Balance."

Rai P., Co-C.E.O of 5 Star Protainment, said, "I think that this event helped spread a positive influence in the city, showing that 5 Star Protainment can bring new and promising music to the Houston area."



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Denzel strikes again

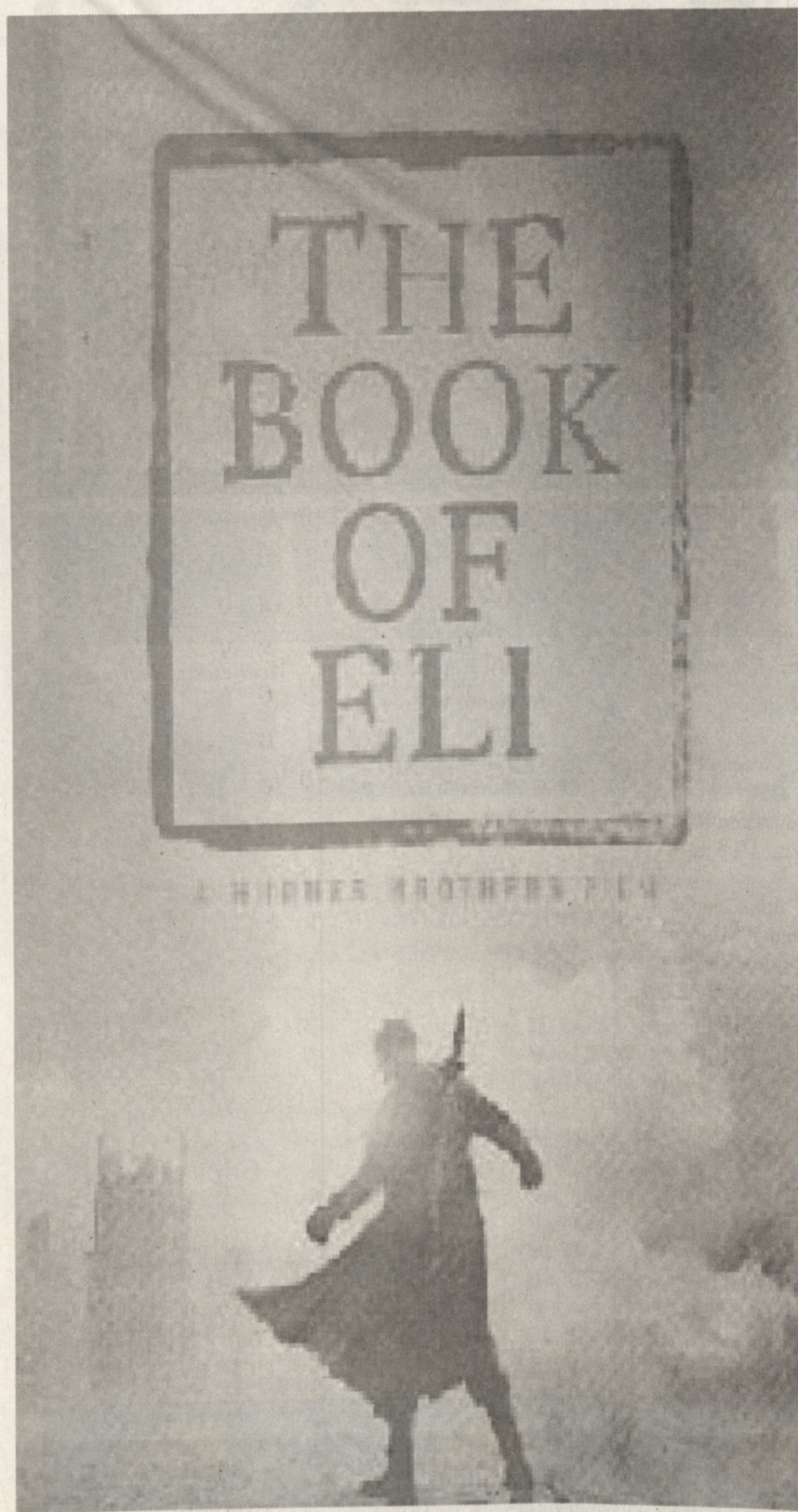
By Andrew Holley
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Love a classic Denzel Washington movie? Then "The Book of Eli" is for you. Denzel brings a smooth style and energy to the screen, the type we've come to expect from this amazing actor. The movie takes place in what many skeptics believe, a not too distant future, and is set in a post-apocalyptic barren wasteland. It follows a wanderer named Eli played by Washington who has been on a journey across what used to be America. He carries a leather bound book, which is the driving force of his journey, and also he carries what looks like an Ipod (guess Apple can last through anything).

His journey is wrought with dangers, from loiterers and outlaws, to a scarcity of water. Armed with only a shotgun and a blade, his journey leads him to a disheveled city that is ruled by a self-appointed warlord named Carnegie (Gary Oldman). Carnegie is after a certain book that he believes will help him further cement his rule. Will the holder of the book be able to protect it from the brutal dictator and will Carnegie realize that what he seeks may be right in his midst?

Although Eli strongly feels this journey is one he is meant to endure alone, he is forced into being accompanied by the beautiful Solara (Mila Kunis), who is determined to find out the significance of the prized possession Eli reads from every day.

Although this was a classic good versus evil production, Washington's performance (much like he did for Training Day) makes this movie a must-see, although it's not a wall-to-wall action flick it keeps your interest with intricate plot twists. And while his supporting cast could have been stronger, we are used to Washington being able to carry amazing solo performances and he's done it again with "The Book of Eli."



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"Prairie View Woman"

By Jacqueline Sadberry
Managing Editor

I am a Prairie View woman
Not some cheap imitation you saw walking about
Or another girl who claims to be legit
I am a Prairie View woman
And I am the real deal
So these "Prairie View girls" you claim to be
loose and sleazy
Are not a representation of me
Nor my city
So if you want to call the young lady out
Leave my city out of it
Because I can guarantee she doesn't belong
in our circle
A real Prairie View woman can tell you about growing
up to the sounds
Of the tuba, the trumpet, and even the crash
of the symbols
The thunderous boom of the drums
A real Prairie View woman is humble
And takes pride in her school
(Win or lose)
Her Panthers are always number 1
This city's rich history means something
to her
And the fact this small, tiny place is a part of that
Makes her shine with pride
And one thing we do not tolerate
Is this negative stigma associated with us
Because of these fakers and shakers you found
to be horrendous
Honestly,
I am one of the few
Who can claim this place called Prairie View
From when I was just days old
To my now 21 years of age
Prairie View is the place where I stay
And I refuse to let you
Or anyone else
Bash and trash my fellow Prairie View women
in such a way
Because being a CERTIFIED
Bonafide
True absolute thing
I can say that I am none of these things you claim
Prairie View women to be
So if you're confused as to what a REAL Prairie View
woman is
Ask Webster
He'll show you the road leading to some fine examples
And one of them is me










1. Who was ready to come back to school? 2. Does anybody know if the Alphas came back? 3. Or did they link up to Southern? 4. Who were the two people fighting at the basketball game? 5. Was the Sigma really that mad because he gets his eyebrows arched? 6. Who's the almost graduate that is more concerned with drama on Twitter than finishing her bachelor's? 7. Doesn't she know that a real degree will help her keep her job? 8. Isn't it time to put in more hours in the real world instead of marching on the field? 9. Who was mad at the glow in the dark uniforms that the Panther Dolls performed in? 10. Did they buy those from "Citi Trends"? 11. Didn't the Baby Dome look so sick without the Greek banners? 12. Can you say #indefinitely? 13. Are we still supposed to respect the Ques by not sitting in their sections? 14. #Whogonecheckusboo? 15. Why are people still phone flipping in 2010? 16. So who is auditioning for 2010-2011 PV Calendar? 17. Will they be the same ones trying out for PV's twerk team? 18. Who was mad at the DJ during the basketball game? 19. Doesn't he realize he's not Rogers? 20. What do you think?

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This Week On The Hill

Thursday, January 28	Friday, January 29	Saturday, January 30	Sunday, January 31	Monday, February 1	Tuesday, February 2	Wednesday, February 3
<p>General Student Assembly William "Billy" J. Nicks, Sr. Athletic Complex 10 a.m.</p> <p>New Student Orientation MSC Ballroom, Auditorium, Student Lounge, Senate Chambers 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Gamma Sigma Sigma Collection of items to give to Red Cross and Haitian Relief MSC Foyer 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.</p> <p>Student Activities RSO Open House MSC Ballroom Rm. 204, Student Lounge, 1st-2nd fl. Foyer 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.</p>		<p>Recruitment Senior Scholars' Day MSC Ballroom Room 204 Auditorium Rm 111</p>	<p>All Faiths Chapel Worship Experience 10 a.m.</p>	<p>Black History Program: "The Black Wall Street... A Lesson of Success Through Unity" MSC Auditorium Rm. 111 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>All Faiths Chapel 52nd Annual Ministers' Conference MSC Ballroom Rm. 204 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p>	<p>All Faiths Chapel 52nd Annual Ministers' Conference MSC Ballroom Rm. 204 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p>	
Weather						
 Mostly cloudy with a shower High: 66 °F Low: 46 °F	 Clouds breaking and colder High: 49 °F Low: 30 °F	 Mostly sunny High: 53 °F Low: 31 °F	 Times of clouds and sun High: 58 °F Low: 38 °F	 Cloudy with a shower High: 61 °F Low: 45 °F	 A passing afternoon shower High: 61 °F Low: 44 °F	 Cooler with rain High: 52 °F Low: 43 °F